

Minutes for St. Anne Parish Pastoral Council - October 5th, 2017

Present: Andrew Snyder, Judy Smith Lin Ramsey, Ed Balaban, Jean Blackburn, Barry Staubus, Jim Yench, Kathy Carnell

Excused Absence - Rose Marie Burris

Non Voting Present: Father Nicholas Mammi, Billie Schneider, Mary Monroe

Meeting Called to Order - Ed Balaban

Opening Prayer: Father Nicholas

Minutes Approved: Jean Blackburn made the motion, Kathy Carnell second the motion.

Old Business : **Dates discussed for PPC Annual Retreat/ Place Jubilee House - Abingdon VA.** *(Note* Finance Committee will be invited to join PPC for Retreat.)*

For the 2018 year the PPC discussed Spring dates. For upcoming years, the PPC has agreed to strive for Fall Dates, preferably September or October. It will be overnight, beginning Friday 6Pm and ending around 3pm on Saturday.

The PPC discussed a tentative Retreat schedule - Meet at Jubilee House at 6 Pm Prayer, afterwards around 10 to 10:30 Social time, and then retire. Next Morning 8AM - Mass, Breakfast, and then an approximate two hour session, Lunch, Final Session, dismiss at 3PM

Fr. Nicholas also brought forth a possibility of having a Presenter at the Retreat - possibly a presentation for ninety minutes on Friday evening and another ninety minutes on Saturday morning. PPC has agreed.

Jim Yench will check on dates.

Bishop Transition Committee - Father Nicholas gave an update on St. Anne's participation regarding the three questions presented by the Bishop Transition Committee. Father will be sending final draft to those on the PPC that participated; Ed will send the final draft to the rest of the PPC.

8:30 Mass Nursery Update - Andrew Snyder is waiting to get word from Contact who is trying to coordinate an 8:30 Mass Nursery. Andy will update PPC when he gets more information.

November PPC Meeting - Due to All Soul's Day falling on the first Thursday of November - PPC will not be meeting for that month.

Pastor's Notes - Father Nicholas inquired about a PPC member attending Finance Committee meetings and also a Finance Member attending a PPC meeting. Ed noted that PPC Chair or Vice Chair used to attend. PPC agreed to pray about practicing this again. Father noted that it would be helpful to the PPC to have Parish finance information from the Finance Committee.

Father Nicholas reported to the PPC that he met with Bingo Volunteer Workers - Greg Chudzik and Mark Shrader, Grand Knight - regarding the Bingo Volunteer Schedule. Father shared with the PPC that those committed to working Bingo see it as a ministry as well as a form of evangelization, and in addition is a form of ecumenism. It is a concern to Father that the schedule has a lot of "holes" in it for volunteers. Father Nicholas said he would like to encourage Bingo as a ministry and to encourage Parishioners to volunteer. Father encouraged PPC to strategize in getting more volunteers. He also noted that anyone who is interested in volunteering for Bingo contact Greg Chudzik.

Open Forum

PPC Member shared with the Council that a Parishioner inquired about having a hand rail constructed (on the front side of the altar coming down from the platform) to be used by EMS, etc. it was suggested to use ramp on the back side of the altar; Parishioner's opinion "it was too far".

Security for Emergencies during Mass - PPC member inquired what the emergency plans are, if it happens during Mass, and other Parish activities in the church. It was discussed that the Diocese has a Preparedness Plan, Daniel works with the Bristol Police Department. It was also discussed that a Police Officer could meet with the PPC and then PPC could educate the Parishioners. Billie Schneider, Principal of St. Anne's School shared what the School does for Security during Childrens' Mass. PPC discussed that the Parish needs an Emergency Plan in the event of a shooting, as well as weather and medical.

Music - Parishioners have mentioned that they are enjoying the piano in the music during Mass.

PPC member mentioned Choir has 18 members.

Chris Neal, Director of Liturgy and Music - will be giving his report to the PPC in December.

New Parishioners and Visitors - It was posed whether new parishioners and or visitors know who to go to when they have a need.

PPC agreed to table Emergency Preparedness.

Closing Prayer - Father Nicholas